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## **FOIA REQUEST**

### **Fee waiver requested**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any documents you have on file for the past 10 years relating to Pangburn Waterworks in Pangburn, Arkansas. I would like copies of any tests you have done to its water; copies of violations (health-based, monitoring, reporting, and other ones) it has received; follow-up reports with how the violations were cleared up; copies of any reports that have been filed in general regarding Pangburn Waterworks; any documents you have regarding the sanitary conditions of Pangburn Waterworks (both its water and its general location); annual drinking water quality reports for Pangburn Waterworks' water; consumer confidence reports for Pangburn Waterworks and its water; anything that may have been filed regarding Pangburn Waterworks and the SDWA; and also any FOIAs that the EPA has been sent relating to Pangburn Waterworks.

I would like to receive the information in their original format, however that may be, whether in paper or online on a thumb drive.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. This information is in the public interest for a variety of reasons. The first reason being that there are news articles being written about Pangburn Waterworks and its lack of sanitary conditions. The public is already interested in this, as is seen with the amount of articles already being written. The second reason is that city and county residents do not just want clean water. Rather, they need clean water. Having clean water is a simple and basic health concern that affects everyone living in the area. By accessing the requested documents, the public will understand how the EPA sees Pangburn Waterworks, understand Pangburn Waterworks' standing with the EPA, and will be able to hold Pangburn Waterworks accountable for their shortcomings to public health and sanitation.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a Reporter/Journalism student, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the testing of Pangburn Waterworks' water system and how it is regulated because there is a boil order currently in effect for Pangburn residents by the Arkansas Department of Health. This is the second boil order Pangburn residents have had since April. The public has a right to know why Pangburn Waterworks keeps on lacking in their obligations to provide clean water to the city of Pangburn, and to know what needs to change with Pangburn Waterworks in order to not have to worry on a daily basis about the city's water. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jordan Doyle